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SUBJECT: SALT: BEECHER INTERVIEW

1. WASHINGTON STAR, MAY 7, CONTAINS ARTICLE BY WILLIAM BEECHER REPORTING ON SALT INTERVIEW WITH SVYATOV AND STRELTSOV OF USA INSTITUTE. SVYATOV, IN PRESENCE OF INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REPORTEDLY STATED THAT SALT TWO AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE:

--TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN VLADIVOSTOK 2400 CEILING;
--"SOME LIMITATION" ON BACKFIRE DEPLOYMENT;
--ALCM'S WOULD BE PERMITTED WITH PREFERABLY SOME RANGE CONSTRAINTS. SVYATOV MINIMIZED IMPORTANCE OF ALCM'S BECAUSE HE THOUGHT ALCM'S WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE SRAM'S, WHICH MORE DIFFICULT FOR AIR DEFENSE TO ENGAGE. (FYI:

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ALCM'S CAN BE WING-MOUNTED IN ADDITION TO PLACEMENT IN SRAM RACK.)

--A BAN ON SUBMARINE, SURFACE SHIP AND GROUND-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES. ARTICLE DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER SVYATOV WAS SPEAKING OF TESTING AS WELL AS DEPLOYMENT. STRELTSOV REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WOULD "PREFER THAT ALL CRUISE MISSILE TESTS BE BANNED UNTIL A SALT III

AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT."

--"MAYBE A LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TESTS" OF ICBM'S.

2. STRELTSOV REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH VERIFICATION
TION OF CRUISE MISSILE RANGE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE US FUEL
IMPROVEMENTS. HE ALSO SPOKE OF CRUISE MISSILE VERIFICA-
TION DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMARINES AND THREAT
WHICH SUBMARINE-BASED DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED CRUISE
MISSILES COULD POSE TO THIN US AIR DEFENSE. SVYATOV AND
STRELTSOV BOTH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED MX SILO-
BUSTING CAPABILITIES AND VERIFICATION DIFFICULTIES
ASSOCIATED WITH MOBILE ICBM'S.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF,
OR COMMENTS ON, BEECHER INTERVIEW. CHRISTOPHER

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